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Dear Friends,

While our nation remains focused on helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita recover, I still remain concerned by the Bush Administration's determination to create private accounts within the Social Security program. I recently released a report analyzing the impact of the President's Social Security plan on Maryland.

The report - ***The Impact of President Bush's Social Security Proposal in Maryland*** - was prepared by the Committee on Government Reform minority staff, and it found that if the President's plan were enacted 1.8 million workers in Maryland would see a reduction in their benefits. Marylanders between the age of 33 and 55 would see their benefits cut by \$2,555 a year, and younger workers would see their benefits cut by even more -- \$5,565 per year.

I do not believe that Americans want to see an end to the "guaranteed benefit" provided for 70 years under the Social Security program. And, I do not believe such a dramatic change in the program is needed.

In fact, the Social Security Trustees have stated that the program is fully solvent for another 36 years, until 2041. I support a bipartisan solution that will ensure long-term solvency. Let's not fundamentally change an program that we know works.



CARDIN MEETS WITH A VOLUNTEER WHO AIDED AMERICANS DISPLACED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

Rep. Cardin thanks a volunteer for her work in handing out clothing to almost 1,000 evacuees from New Orleans who came to the "Du" Burns Arena for Assistance. The arena was designated by the American Red Cross as the central receiving location for Hurricane Katrina evacuees coming to the Baltimore area. Evacuees have received services that include cash assistance, health care, housing placement, school enrollment, clothing and employment.

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULED HURRICANE KATRINA LESSONS LEARNED: ARE WE PREPARED? Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 pm. "Du" Burns Arena Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.

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Previous Survey Question Results

To date, do you believe that the federal government has responded adequately to helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

Answer	Percent
Yes	29.94%
No	70.06%
Total	100%

New Survey Question

Do you support canceling or delaying any additional tax cuts to pay for the costs associated with Hurricane Katrina?

Yes

No

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